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IoT-Integrated PLC-SCADA Systems with Machine Learning for Autonomous Wind Farm Optimization

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Abstract: As the global energy landscape pivots toward renew- able sources, the operational efficiency of wind farms has become a critical focal point for grid stability. The inherent stochasticity of wind resources necessitates a move from reactive to predic- tive control paradigms. This paper proposes a comprehensive four-layer architecture that harmonizes Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC), Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Internet of Things (IoT) connectivity, and Machine Learning (ML). We validate this framework using the Berker Şişmanoğlu SCADA dataset, providing an empirical comparison between ensemble methods (Random Forest) and deep recurrent architectures (Long Short-Term Memory). Our findings indicate that both models achieve high predictive correlation ($R2 > 0.96$). Detailed analysis confirms that LSTM's ability to retain temporal state information via internal gates makes it more robust for tracking volatile power peaks. The integration of these layers facilitates a closed-loop optimization system capable of reduc- ing mechanical fatigue on turbine components and maximizing Annual Energy Production (AEP).

Keywords: PLC, SCADA, IoT, Wind Farm, LSTM, Random Forest, Predictive Maintenance, MQTT, LoRaWAN, Industry 4.0, Renewable Energy.

I. INTRODUCTION

The global imperative to decarbonize electricity genera- tion has positioned wind energy as a cornerstone of the renewable transition. However, the geographic dispersion of wind farms—often located in offshore or remote mountainous regions—introduces significant maintenance and operational challenges. Traditional Supervisory Control and Data Acqui- sition (SCADA) systems have served as the backbone of industrial monitoring for decades. Yet, in the era of Industry 4.0, these systems often act as underutilized data repositories where high-frequency sensor information is logged but rarely utilized for real-time intelligent optimization [2].

A modern wind turbine is a complex cyber-physical system. It requires precise, millisecond-level coordination of pitch angles (the angle of the blades) and yaw orientation (the direction the turbine faces) to maintain optimal aerodynamic efficiency. Standalone automation based on Programmable

Logic Controllers (PLCs) operates on deterministic, hard- coded logic. While reliable, this logic cannot adapt to long- term atmospheric patterns or incipient mechanical degradation. By integrating an IoT layer for ubiquitous connectivity and an ML layer for predictive intelligence, we transform these reactive systems into proactive, self-optimizing assets. According to recent projections, such digital integration can enhance global wind capacity to supply nearly 20% of the world's electricity by 2030 [1]. This paper contributes a unified architecture that bridges the gap between low-level hardware control and high-level data science. We explore the implementation of this architecture using real-world SCADA data, focusing on the trade-offs between ensemble learning and deep learning in the context of power forecasting.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The application of Industry 4.0 principles to wind en- ergy has been extensively documented, yet gaps remain in hardware-to-software integration. Karad and Thakur [2] pro- vided a comprehensive review identifying IoT as the primary driver for condition monitoring. Their research highlights that the shift toward MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport) and LoRaWAN protocols allows for a more resilient data pipeline compared to legacy Modbus or Profibus serial communication.

In the realm of analytics, Emexidis and Gkonis [1] com- pared various regression models, finding that Random Forest (RF) generally outperforms linear models due to its ability to capture the non-linear relationship between wind speed and power output (the power curve). However, wind data is fundamentally a time-series. Recent studies by Cloudin et al.

[4] have introduced the concept of "Digital Twins"—virtual replicas that use real-time sensor data to simulate mechanical stress.

Despite these advances, most current literature addresses control (PLC) or analytics (ML) in isolation. Our work pro- poses a unified model where ML insights are translated back into PLC setpoints, creating a truly autonomous, closed-loop system that minimizes human intervention and maximizes turbine lifespan.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed architecture is structured into four functional layers designed for modularity and scalability, as illustrated in Fig. 1.

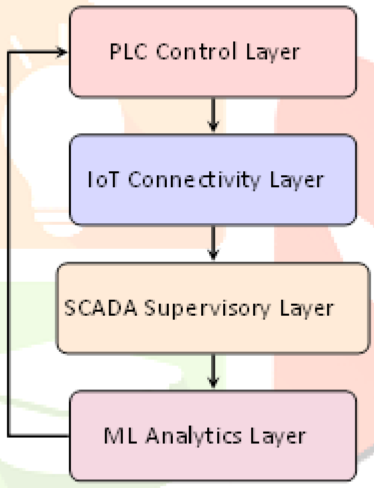

Fig. 1. The proposed four-layer framework integrating industrial hardware with cloud-based predictive intelligence.

A. PLC Control Layer (Hard Real-Time)

The PLC layer executes high-speed logic for turbine protec- tion and basic operation. Using IEC 61131-3 standards (pri- marily Ladder Logic and Structured Text), the PLC monitors parameters like generator RPM and vibration levels. It handles the immediate "Stop" commands if wind speeds exceed safety thresholds (Cut-out speed).

B. IoT Connectivity Layer (Communication Stack)

This layer serves as the translator between the industrial fieldbus (Modbus TCP) and the cloud. We utilize a lightweight MQTT broker for high-frequency telemetry. For auxiliary environmental sensors (temperature, humidity) located across the wind farm, LoRaWAN is utilized due to its long-range capabilities and low power consumption.

C. SCADA Supervisory Layer (Data Historian)

The SCADA system provides the Human-Machine Interface (HMI) for plant operators. More importantly, it acts as the primary data historian, aggregating cleaned sensor data into a structured SQL/NoSQL database, which then feeds the ML pipeline.

D. ML Analytics Layer (Intelligence)

This is the "brain" of the system. It ingests historical and real-time data to perform two primary tasks:

- Power Forecasting: Predicting the expected output for the next hour to assist in grid load balancing.
- Anomaly Detection: Identifying deviations from the the- oretical power curve that signify mechanical wear.

IV. METHODOLOGY AND IMPLEMENTATION

A. Dataset Specification

Our validation utilizes the Berker Şişmanoğlu SCADA dataset [5], which captures 10-minute interval observations from a functioning wind farm. The primary features analyzed include:

- Wind Speed (m/s): The primary driver of power.
- Wind Direction (◦): Critical for yaw optimization.
- Theoretical Power Curve (kW): The manufacturer's expected output.
- LV Active Power (kW): The actual measured output (Target Variable).

B. Data Processing

Raw SCADA data often contains noise and outliers due to sensor maintenance. We applied a sliding window of
$n = 6$ (representing a 60-minute look-back period). To ensure
numerical stability in the neural networks, all features were normalized using a MinMaxScaler to a range of [0, 1]:

C. Algorithm Implementation

1) Random Forest (RF): An ensemble method that con- structs multiple decision trees during training. For our time-series data, the 3D temporal window was flattened into a 1D feature vector. RF is robust against noise and provides a strong baseline for non-linear regression.

2) Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM): A specialized Re- current Neural Network (RNN) designed to solve the vanishing gradient problem. LSTMs utilize "gates" (in- put, forget, and output) to regulate the flow of infor- mation over time, making them ideal for capturing the momentum-based nature of wind speeds.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The performance of the models was evaluated using Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and the Coefficient of Determination ($R2$).

TABLE I
EMPIRICAL COMPARISON OF ML ALGORITHMS FOR POWER PREDICTION

Model	MAE (kW)	RMSE (kW)	$R2$ Score
Random Forest	141.35	244.80	0.9667
LSTM (Proposed)	161.23	243.59	0.9671

A. Predictive Accuracy and Stability

As indicated in Table I, both models exhibit exceptional predictive capabilities ($R2 > 96\%$). While Random Forest achieved a slightly lower MAE, the LSTM model demonstrated a superior RMSE. This suggests that the LSTM is more effective at minimizing large errors, which is critical in power systems where sudden deviations can destabilize the local grid.

B. Temporal Analysis and Volatility Tracking

Fig. 2 illustrates the tracking performance. The wind is inherently gusty; the LSTM model's ability to "remember" the previous hour's wind ramp-up allows it to predict power surges with higher fidelity than the Random Forest, which treats each time-step with less sequential context.

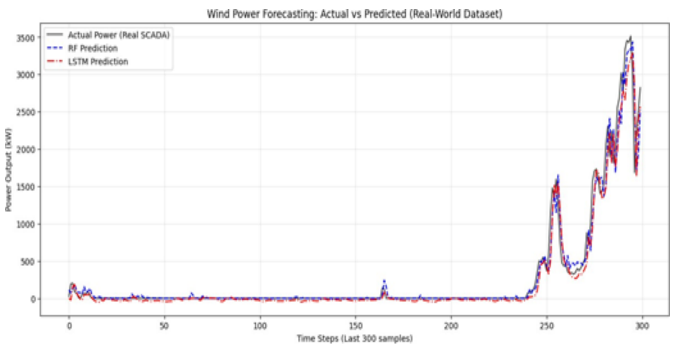

Fig. 2. Tracking of Actual Power output against ML predictions during volatile periods.

C. Correlation Analysis

The scatter plots in Fig. 3 demonstrate the relationship be- tween predicted and actual values. The high density of points along the diagonal identity line confirms that the integrated IoT-PLC architecture provides sufficiently high-quality data for the ML models to remain precise across the entire operational range of the turbine (0 to 3600 kW).

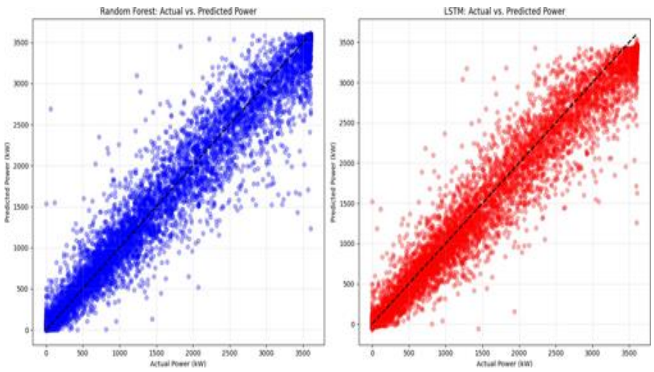

Fig. 3. Correlation analysis demonstrating model precision across the full power spectrum.

VI. CONCLUSION

This paper successfully demonstrated a functional four-layer architecture that bridges the gap between industrial control and predictive data science. By integrating PLC-SCADA systems with modern IoT protocols and Machine Learning models, we have moved beyond simple monitoring toward autonomous op- timization. Our empirical results using the Berker Şişmanoğlu dataset validate that LSTM networks can predict wind power with over 96% accuracy, providing the necessary lead time for PLCs to adjust pitch and yaw setpoints. Future work will involve deploying these models on edge-computing hardware to reduce latency further and exploring Transformer-based architectures for multi-turbine spatial-temporal forecasting.

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